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H.B. No. 1524

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to sports and community venue projects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 334, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 334.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 334.008. PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM AS VENUE PROJECT: CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) A county located on an international border that has a population of less than 15,000 and that contains no incorporated territory of a municipality may provide for the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, or renovation of a county parks and recreation system as a venue project under this chapter.

(b) The venue project authorized by Subsection (a) includes:

(1) improvements or additions to the county parks and recreation system; and

(2) an area or facility that is part of the county parks and recreation system.

(c) To the extent that a provision of this chapter, including Sections 334.024(f), 334.1015, and 334.2515, applies to a venue project that is a municipal parks and recreation system or facility, those provisions apply to a venue project authorized by this section, and references to a municipality are considered references to a county to which this section applies.

1       (d) A county that authorizes a venue project described by  
2 this section maintains the authority granted under this section  
3 even if at a later time a part of the county becomes incorporated in  
4 a municipality.

5       SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 334, Local Government  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 334.0242 to read as follows:

7       Sec. 334.0242. ELECTION ON USE OF TAXES TO IMPROVE OR  
8 MAINTAIN VENUE PROJECT. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e),  
9 if one or more methods of financing have been approved at an  
10 election held under Section 334.024, the governing body of the  
11 municipality or county imposing the method may order an election on  
12 the question of approving the use of revenue derived from one or  
13 more approved methods to finance a related venue project.

14       (b) The ballot at the election held under this section must  
15 be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition:

16       "Authorizing \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of municipality or  
17 county) to use an amount not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ (insert  
18 percentage of tax revenue or dollar amount of revenue to be used for  
19 each type of tax) of the revenue derived from the \_\_\_\_\_ (insert  
20 each type of tax) tax, to finance the \_\_\_\_\_ (describe the  
21 related venue project and its relation to the previously approved  
22 venue project)."

23       (c) If a majority of the votes cast at an election held under  
24 this section approve the proposition, the municipality or county  
25 may use the revenue to finance the related venue project described  
26 in the proposition.

27       (d) At an election held under this section, the municipality

1 or county may not change the rate of the tax or the method of  
2 financing previously authorized under Section 334.024.

3 (e) This section does not authorize the municipality or  
4 county to use revenue from a hotel occupancy tax under Subchapter H.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.